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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

MATTHEW D. STRINGER

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003.

This amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Please amend the application as follows.